



# Mountain View Recycling Resource

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## Holiday Schedule

There will be no change to collection schedules because the Christmas and New Year holidays occur on Saturday this year. There will be no On Call Plus appointments scheduled between December 27, 2010 and January 21, 2011 to allow for holiday tree collection. However, vouchers to the SMaRT Station will still be available. Call Recology at **650-967-3034** for more information.

## Tree Recycling



- Trees will be collected from homes with cart service at no charge between December 27 and January 21.
- Place undecorated green or flocked trees at the curb *on recycling day*.
- Remove metal stands and cut trees into 5-foot sections (to fit in truck).
- Residential properties with dumpster service (most apartments, certain condos and town-homes) must arrange tree collection service in advance (fee). Please do not set out trees in the street. Call Recology at **650-967-3034**.

## Extra Holiday Recycling for Homes

Extra recycling will be collected from homes on recycling day at no charge between December 27 and January 7:

- Place cans and bottles in one paper bag or small box next to cart.
- Place mixed paper, newspaper, small cardboard together in another paper bag or small box.
- In the event of rain, please double-bag recycling.
- Flatten and bundle cardboard pieces (no larger than 3' by 3').

## Have a Waste Free Holiday!

**Give an Experience** with a gift of concert, theatre or sporting event tickets, personal service gift certificates or museum and park memberships. Visit these websites for tips:

[www.reducewaste.org](http://www.reducewaste.org) and choose **Residential**

[www.recycleworks.org](http://www.recycleworks.org) and choose **At Home**, then **Holidays**

[www.greengiftguide.com](http://www.greengiftguide.com)

[www.ciwmb.ca.gov/publiced/holidays](http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/publiced/holidays)



## Tips for Living the Green Life

### Get on Your Bike.

Every mile you ride your bike instead of driving your car avoids the production of about one pound of carbon dioxide.

### Save a Tree, or Two or Three.

Look for paper products with high recycled content. If every household in the U.S. replaced one box of 85-sheet virgin fiber facial tissues with 100% recycled ones, 87,700 trees and 31 million gallons of water would be saved and 5,300 tons of pollution avoided.

### Reduce Garbage.

Buy products with less packaging and recycle paper, plastic and glass. You can save around 1,000 lbs. of carbon dioxide per year by reducing, reusing and recycling. To save even more, consider home composting (visit [www.reducewaste.org](http://www.reducewaste.org) for more information).

### Check Your Water Heater.

Reduce the thermostat from 140°F to 120°F and save 550 pounds of carbon dioxide per year.

### Stop "Leaking" Energy.

75% of the electricity used to power home electronics is consumed while the devices are turned off. Stop this "leak" by plugging your devices into a power strip and shutting it off when the devices are not in use.

### Use Powdered Detergents.

Laundry liquids are approximately 80% water. It costs energy and packaging to bring this water to consumers.

## Businesses Continue to Go Green

Ten Mountain View businesses have been certified Green this past year through the Bay Area Green Business Program. To be certified, businesses must operate in an environmentally responsible manner, and meet or exceed standards for conserving natural resources, preventing pollution and minimizing solid waste. A complete list of Mountain View's many Green Businesses can be found at [www.mvrecycle.org](http://www.mvrecycle.org).

### Congratulations to Mountain View's new green businesses:

**Bocek and Associates, CPA**  
**Lindell Chiropractic**  
**Malek Dental**  
**Shoreline Optometry**  
**Spectrum Fine Homes**  
**ECO Lube Center**  
**KPMG**  
**Shoreline Amphitheater—  
A Live Nation Amphitheater**  
**SOAPProjects**  
**Tiny Prints**



This program is sponsored by Santa Clara County and it's 15 Cities. Certified businesses receive use of the Green Business logo and window decal and are listed in the consumer's Green Business Directory. For more information, contact the County at **408-282-3180** or [www.reducewaste.org](http://www.reducewaste.org).

# How to Recycle at Home

## 1. Household Batteries

Place used batteries in the bag provided by Recology Mountain View and set on top of cart. Recology will empty it and return the bag to you for reuse. (Please put tape over battery terminals to reduce the risk of fire. Spent batteries may have enough voltage remaining to start a fire.)

## 2. Mixed Containers (Blue Lid)

Place glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles and wide-mouth tubs #1 through #7, metal cans and metal lids in the cart under the blue lid.

## 3. Paper (Grey Lid)

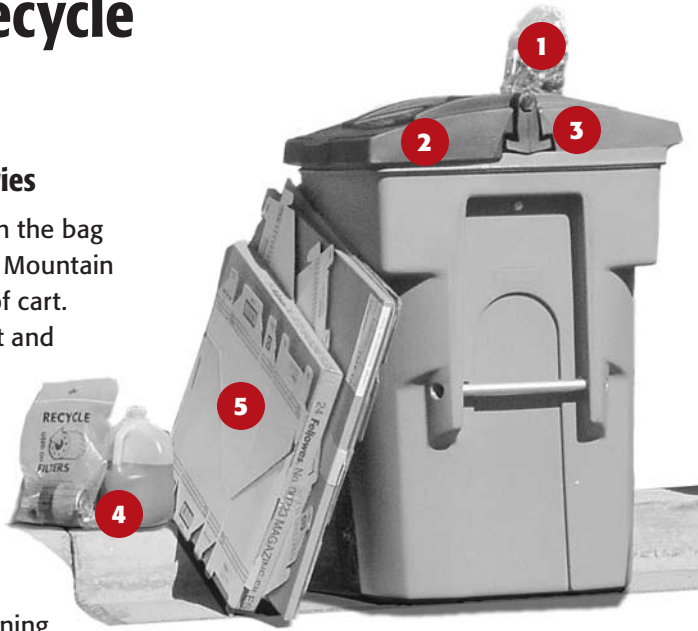
Put newspaper, mixed paper, food boxes and small cardboard pieces in the cart under the grey lid.

## 4. Used Motor Oil and Filters

Put used motor oil and filters in containers provided by Recology and set on top of the curb.

## 5. Cardboard

Flatten and tie or tape into bundles no more than 3'x3' in size and place on top of curb next to recycle cart.



## Where to Set Out Carts

- 1 Set out all carts **in the street** by 7 am on collection day. Remove carts no later than the next day.
- 2 Place carts in the street **at least 18 inches apart** (for mechanical collection). Keep carts away from overhanging trees, carports and balconies.
- 3 Store the carts inside the garage or behind a fence, hedge, or area screened from street view as a courtesy to your neighbors. If these areas are unavailable, place the carts on the side of the garage or house.
- 4 Do not place carts on top of the curb or on the sidewalk unless there are obstructions such as parked cars or parking is prohibited. In this situation, driver will collect carts from the top of the curb.

**Questions? Call Recology Mountain View at 650-967-3034.**

# On Call Plus Clean Up Program

The **On Call Plus** clean up program is a service available to most residents at no charge\*. Residents may schedule three free appointments each year, at their convenience, on normal service days. Each appointment can be used to set out extra trash, recycling or yard waste PLUS up to three bulky items, such as appliances or furniture.

\* Apartment managers must call Recology at **650-967-3034** to arrange a complex-wide special collection (extra fees apply).

## Set-Out Guidelines

- Visit **Clean Up Programs** at **www.mvrecycle.org** for detailed guidelines.
- Place items in an area no larger than 8 feet long by 4 feet high and 4 feet wide.
- Bags, boxes and bundles may not weigh more than 50 pounds or be longer than 4' in length.
- **Extra fees apply** for refrigerators, computer monitors, televisions and up to 4 passenger vehicle tires.
- We do **NOT** accept concrete, soil, rock, tree stumps, construction debris or household hazardous waste.

## Vouchers

Residents may exchange any of the On Call appointments for a voucher to self-haul items directly to the SMaRT Station (see page 4 for map). Each voucher is good for one vehicle entrance. Call Recology at **650-967-3034** to request vouchers a week before.

## Schedule an On Call Plus Pick-Up

It's easy! Call Recology at 650-967-3034 to schedule a pick-up. Keep items separated for collection by different trucks (trash, recyclables, yard trimmings, electronics, furniture). Place items at curbside.

## Extra yard trimmings and recycling

If you *regularly* have extra recycling or yard waste, order a larger or second cart (no charge). If you *occasionally* need more service, use an On Call Plus Clean Up appointment (no charge) or schedule an extra collection (\$10/cart). Call Recology Mountain View at **650-967-3034**.

## Extra garbage

Purchase extra garbage stickers (\$5) from any local Lucky, Safeway, Nob Hill or Rite-Aid (Grant Road), the City Library or Finance Department at City Hall. Attach one sticker to each 32-gallon garbage bag and place next to your garbage cart.

## WHAT'S RECYCLABLE?

### Accepted

#### Mixed Paper

Catalogs • Cereal/cake/tissue/shoe boxes  
Computer paper • Gift wrap (no metallics)  
Junk mail • Newspapers • Magazines  
Manila folders • Paper egg cartons  
Paper bags • Post-it-notes  
Paperback books • Shredded paper  
Telephone books • Writing paper



#### Mixed Containers (Caps and Lids OK)

Glass bottles and jars  
Metal cans and lids (aluminum, tin and steel)  
Plastic bottles and tubs marked #1-7



### Not Accepted

#### Mixed Paper

Any paper with food or beverage residue • Coffee cups • Donut or pastry boxes • Food and candy wrappers • Foil or metallic gift wrap • Frozen food boxes • Hardback books • Milk/ice cream/juice/soy cartons or pouches • Paper cups/plates/napkins • Paper with paint or pet waste • Pizza boxes • Paper towel • Photographs • Snack or potato chip bags • Take-out food containers or wrappers • Tissue • Tyvek or padded envelopes • Waxed paper, cardboard or cartons

#### Mixed Containers

Any plastic container not marked #1 through #7 • Any plastic container larger than 2-gallons • Aerosol cans • Black plastics of any kind • Ceramics and porcelain • Clamshells\* • Drinking glasses • Hard plastics of any kind (such as toys, plant pots, pails, laundry baskets, garden hoses) • Plastic bags or other plastic film • Plastic cups, plates, utensils and straws • Pots and Pans (or other scrap metal) • Pyrex • Styrofoam of any kind

\* Clamshells are containers with a connected lid.

**This list may also be used for apartment and business recycling. Check container label to sort recyclables.**



For Homes with Split Carts: When is my Collection Day?

Find Your Collection Day/Recycling Week:

- 1 Locate your neighborhood on the map below and note the collection day and color (or use the online street index below\*).
- 2 Match the color to the calendar at right for the recycling week (i.e. Grey = Week B). **Example:** On Church Street between Hope and Castro, garbage day is every Tuesday, and recycling day is every other Tuesday starting on January 4 (Week A).

**Questions?** Call Recology Mountain View for schedules.

Apartments with group carts should call Recology at **650-967-3034** for schedules.

Holidays

Collection occurs on all holidays except Thanksgiving (November 25), Christmas (December 25) and New Year's Day (January 1). If your collection day falls on or after the holiday, collection will occur one day later that week, with Friday collection on Saturday.

Free On-Call Plus Clean Up Program

Residents may schedule 3 curbside collections of extra trash, yard waste and bulky goods by calling Recology at **650-967-3034**. Appointments may be scheduled any time before December 24, 2010 and can be used to set out extra material in an 8'L x 4'W x 4'H area PLUS up to 3 bulky goods such as a washer, sofa and mattress at no charge. Appointments may be exchanged for a voucher to self-haul to the SMaRT Station in Sunnyvale. No appointments scheduled December 27, 2010 through January 21, 2011.

\*Find your collection day online: [www.mvrecycle.org](http://www.mvrecycle.org) and click on collection schedule.



Color = Week A  
Grey = Week B

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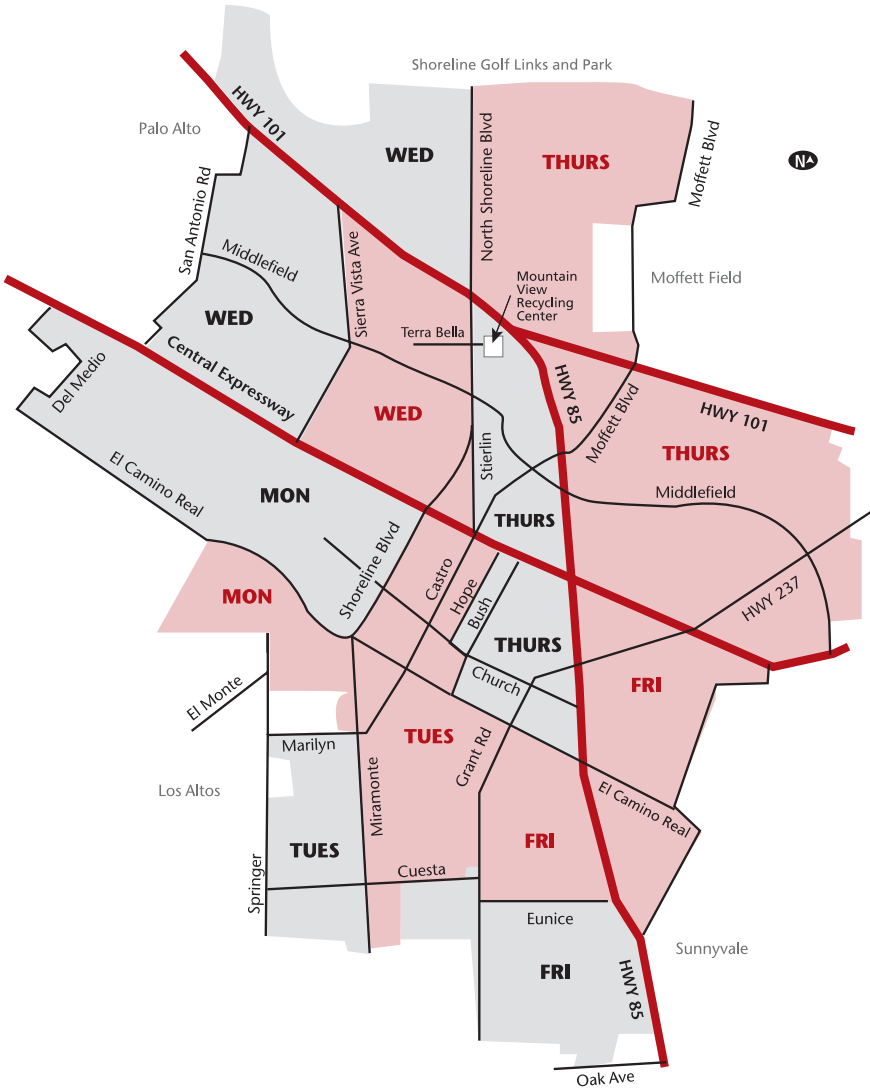
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E-Waste and Household Hazardous Waste Services

Effective February, 2006, California banned consumer electronics and other hazardous waste from the trash. These items cannot be placed in garbage or recycling containers because they contain lead, copper, mercury or chromium that can pollute the environment. The SMaRT Station and the County Household Hazardous Waste Program accept many items without charge. Recology also accepts many items in the On-Call Plus Clean Up Program without charge, but fees may apply for special handling of refrigerators, computer monitors and television sets.

Recology Mountain View (650-967-3034)  
Curbside Collection  
On Call Plus (no fee)

- Batteries (household<sup>1</sup>)
- Cell phones<sup>2</sup>, telephones, answering machines
- Computer disk drives
- Fax machines, calculators
- Keyboards, mouse
- Microwaves, stoves
- PDA's, camcorders, digital cameras
- Printers, scanners
- Radios, stereos, tape players/recorders
- VCR's, DVD players
- Washer, dryer
- Water heaters

Special Collection (fee)

- Air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers
- Computer monitors, laptops
- Televisions
- Tires

SMaRT Station (408-752-8530)  
301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale (see map page 4)  
(fee/no fee)

- Air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers (fee)
- Batteries (household<sup>1</sup> and vehicle)
- Cell phones<sup>2</sup>, telephones, answering machines
- Computer monitors, laptops, disk drives
- Fax machines, printers, scanners, calculators
- Fluorescent tubes, compact bulbs
- Keyboard, mouse
- Microwaves (fee) and stoves (fee)
- PDA's, camcorders, digital cameras
- Radios, stereos, tape players/recorders
- Sharps (hypodermic needles)
- Televisions
- Thermometers, thermostats
- Tires (fee)
- VCR's and DVD players
- Washer, dryer (fee)
- Water heaters (fee)

County HHW Program  
(408-299-7300 or [www.hhw.org](http://www.hhw.org))  
By Appointment Only (no fee)

- Batteries (household<sup>1</sup>)
- Fire extinguishers, flares
- Fluorescent tubes, compact bulbs
- Oil, paints, solvents, pesticides
- Pool chemicals, asbestos
- Medicine
- Propane/balloon tanks
- Sharps (hypodermic needles)
- Smoke detectors
- Thermometers and thermostats.



<sup>1</sup> Household batteries may also be recycled through the residential curbside program (650-967-3034).  
<sup>2</sup> Cell phones may be taken back to retail stores.

# Recycling Directory

## Bulb and Battery Take-Back Locations

**Fluorescent lamps** (compact bulbs, straight, circular, spiral and U-bent tubes) and **Household batteries** (no automotive batteries) from residential households can be taken to the following locations free of charge:

**Lamps and batteries**

Blossom True Value Hardware  
1297 W El Camino Real, 650-964-7871  
(Leave with employee at register)

**Orchard Supply Hardware**

2555 Charleston Road, 650-691-2000  
(Leave at customer service desk)

**Lamps only**

New Era Lighting  
2243 Old Middlefield Way, 650-940-1559

**Batteries only**

Wolfe Camera  
1898 W El Camino Real, 650-968-5666

## Services

**Utility and garbage billing information**

including starting or changing garbage accounts, and purchasing extra garbage tags.  
City Finance and Administrative Services Department  
650-903-6317

**Garbage and recycling collection**

including pickup schedule, missed pickups, what's recyclable, extra bins, extra yard trimmings, clean up and bulky goods services.  
Recology Mountain View  
650-967-3034

**Household batteries** can be taken to either Mountain View or SMaRT Station recycling centers. Residents with split carts may use curbside pickup (see page 2).

**Household hazardous waste**

free disposal by appointment.  
County Toxics Hotline  
408-299-7300  
www.hhw.org

**Home composting information**

including free Bay-Friendly Gardening workshops, compost bins and brochures.  
County Compost Hotline  
408-918-4640  
www.ReduceWaste.org

**Pollution prevention information** including best methods to reduce pollution.  
City Environmental Safety Staff  
650-903-6378

**Recycling Leaders Program**

City Public Works Department  
650-903-6311

**Water conservation** information including methods, technology, and product rebates.  
City Water Conservation Staff  
650-903-6216

**Visit the City of Mountain View's web site** for business or residential recycling information: [www.mvrecycle.org](http://www.mvrecycle.org)

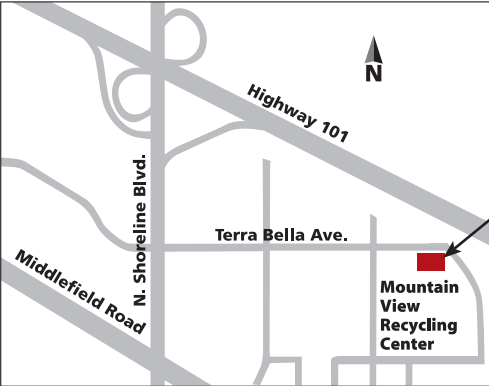


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The Resource is printed on 50% post-consumer recycled paper. We welcome your comments and suggestions. Call 650-903-6311 or email [recycle@mountainview.gov](mailto:recycle@mountainview.gov).

# Buy-Back & Drop-Off Recycling Centers

Mountain View sponsors two recycling centers where residents and businesses can drop off extra recycling or redeem "California Redemption Value" cans and bottles for cash.



## Mountain View Recycling Center 935 Terra Bella Avenue, Mountain View

**Hours:** Buy-back Tues-Sat 9 am–3 pm  
Drop-off Mon-Sat 7:30 am to 6 pm.

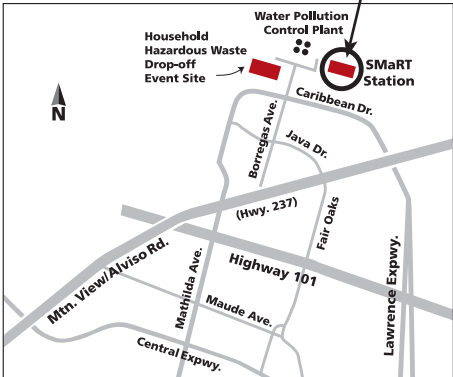
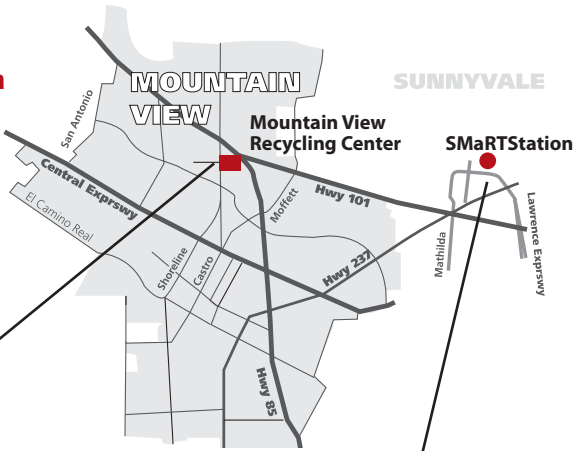
**Questions?** Call Recology Mountain View at 650-967-3034. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Days.

**Recyclables Accepted** (no charge)

- Cardboard
- Glass bottles and jars
- Household batteries\*
- Metal cans and lids
- Mixed Paper
- Newspaper
- Plastic bottles and tubs #1 through #7

\* **Batteries are accepted only during Buy-Back hours, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Tuesday – Saturday**

Please take motor oil, antifreeze, vehicle batteries, fluorescent lights or construction material to the SMaRT Station.



## SMaRT Station 301 Carl Road, Sunnyvale

The SMaRT Station is the materials recovery and refuse transfer facility shared by the Cities of Mountain View, Palo Alto and Sunnyvale. In addition to providing buy-back and drop-off services, the Station processes Mountain View's garbage, yard trimmings, and recycling and accepts debris from the public (fee applies). Free compost and mulch may be picked up by residents at the drop-off center.

**Hours:** Daily 7 days a week 8 am–5 pm.

**Questions?** Call SMaRT at **408-752-8530**.

**Recyclables Accepted** (no charge)

- Cardboard
- Glass bottles and jars
- Household batteries
- Metal cans and lids
- Mixed Paper
- Newspaper
- Plastic bottles and tubs #1 through #7
- Plastic bags
- Scrap metal less than 6 feet long, pots and pans

## Solid Waste & Recycling Calendar

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| December 18            | Confidential Document Shredding Event (info: 650-903-6311)      |
| December 27–January 21 | Holiday Tree Collection on your regular recycling day           |
| December 27–January 7  | Extra Holiday Recycling on your regular recycling day           |
| January 15             | Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day                          |
| February 19            | Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day                          |
| March 5                | Bay Friendly Gardening Workshop – From the Ground Up (San Jose) |
| March 12               | Arbor Day at Pioneer Park. Info: 650-903-6273                   |
| March 19               | Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day                          |

### Bay-Friendly Gardening

Learn to compost and create a healthy and sustainable garden. To register call Santa Clara County Home Composting Program at **408-918-4640** or register online:

[www.reducewaste.org](http://www.reducewaste.org)



### Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off

To make an appointment, call Santa Clara County HHW Program at **408-299-7300**. Find out more online:

[www.hhw.org](http://www.hhw.org)

